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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices advanced two cents on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was light to very good, with additional interest noted where power outages were reported in the Midwest and Northeast. Supplies were sufficient to tight for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for adequate to short offerings. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in Ia-Mn-Wi were 2 cents higher with all other prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were mostly moderate to instances good with some potential sales tempered as parts of the upper Midwest experience problems due to power outages related to the Northeast. Loose egg sales were light to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central States nest run breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices continued higher. Offerings were tight with demand fairly good to good. Additional offerings of nest runs were easily placed as floor stocks were tight to in very close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady. **RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	81-90	83-87
LARGE	80-88	81-86
MEDIUM	57-65	60-62

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

LARGE	67-71
MEDIUM	44-46
SMALL	20-24

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices were trending higher for next week. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail demand ranged moderate to good as orders were refilled due to losses incurred during power outage in parts of the Northeast. Supplies were adequate to close for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for the light to no better than fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-95	83-90
LARGE	77-92	84-86
MEDIUM	56-71	61-64

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to very good. Supplies were barely adequate to adequate for the larger sizes and adequate for medium.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88.5-97	89-91
LARGE	83.5-93	85-86
MEDIUM	59.5-68	61-63

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to short for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light to fair at best demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75-89	83-86
LARGE	72-87	81-84
MEDIUM	55-66	59-63

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where stores were restocking inventory lost during power outage in the New York area. Supplies were sufficient to close for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-101
LARGE	95-99
MEDIUM	73-77

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for all sizes increased 2 cents. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced instances tight.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	91-97
LARGE	90-95
MEDIUM	67-74

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on the large sizes, 4-5 cents higher on medium. Retailer slow to only fair. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on all sizes. Retailer demand slow with widespread price resistance reported. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 74. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 99-129, medium 20 pack white 99, brown 2 for \$3.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	132
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	94

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112-122
EXTRA LARGE	110-119
LARGE	108-111
MEDIUM	81-84

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319
LARGE	219-229
MEDIUM	199-209

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings limited as additional breaking stock continued to easily find placement when available. Floor stocks tight to in very close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	70-73	73
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	55-61	57
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were sharply higher when compared to early week's trading. The undertone was fully steady with traders closely watching further market developments. Demand ranged moderate to good for tight to sufficient offerings. Breaking schedules were reported as less than normal to normal. Cases broken under federal inspection for the Eastern region for the week ending 09-Aug-03 was 2 percent less than last week and decreased 5 percent when compared to a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	60-68	64-66
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	50-63	51-56
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 09-Aug-03
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,219,067	29,564	11,171	6,160	2,695	4,362
PW	1,196,517	29,736	10,527	5,677	2,396	4,420
LY	1,262,748	29,313	11,342	5,992	2,712	4,368
% CHG PWK	2	-1	6	9	12	-1
% CHG LY	-3	1	-2	3	-1	0
2003	36,669,162	892,013	335,481	183,933	75,357	133,229
2002	38,140,332	885,834	371,261	199,515	91,161	135,678
		CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR		
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		42.05	42.09	40.40		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		38.47	38.39	36.94		

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 81 to 86.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 45 cents fob. Trade sentiment remained firm for all products. Demand was good for all liquid products with yolk buyers hesitating to pay increasingly higher values before exploring all avenues. Offerings were in close balance to short with many processors schedules full filling regular commitments and contractual agreements. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 15 August, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.
WHOLE	14	59-63	61.29
WHITES	16	38-41	39.66
YOLKS	11	84-86	84.91

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were irregular on whites, but generally trended higher on all items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was seasonal but good. Overall, trading was light to occasionally moderate as values trend higher. Supplies were in close balance, with offerings usually reported as short to barely adequate. However, where product was available it was usually held with confidence. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 09 August 2003 were 1% lower than the previous week, but 7% more than a year ago.

	WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	63-76	71-75	73-83
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		87-105
WHITES	50-56	51-54	57-63
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	91-100	95-99	101-105
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	87-97	91-95	97-102

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk mostly prices were higher with whites unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was firm for all frozen products. Many sellers struggled with pricing of products as frozen markets spiraled upward in value and the previous days' quotations to potential buyers appeared charitable. Offerings were generally tight with demand fairly good to good. Freezer stocks comfortably balanced to very close. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

	WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)	TRUCKLOTS
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	72-75	73-75
WHITES	51-56	53
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	97-100	97-99
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	93-97	93-95

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 6 cents higher on whole, 3 cents higher on whites, and 4 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/9 was 19% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks light.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	78-81
WHITES	57-60
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-104
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	98-101

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Prices were sharply higher when compared to last week's trading. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was moderate to occasionally good with offerings often reported as short of needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 09 August 2003 were 12% more than the previous week, but 1% less than the same week a year ago. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-

TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	2.38-2.85	MOSTLY 2.60-2.76
YOLKS	2.06-2.35	MOSTLY 2.15-2.30
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.96-4.35	MOSTLY 4.02-4.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.75-1.95	MOSTLY 1.82-1.90

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 8, 2003-AUGUST 14, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								84.50	FUTURE LOADS				49.00	TOTAL LOADS				133.50
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	67.00	69.00	69.17	70.33	—	73.27	23.00	GNR W 1	—	76.00	—	—	—	—	8.00			
GNR W 2	—	70.00	—	—	—	69.75	5.00	GNR W 2	64.20	—	—	—	—	—	5.00			
GL W J	—	—	88.00	90.00	84.70	—	4.00	GL W J	88.00	89.50	—	—	—	93.67	3.50			
GL W XL	—	79.08	79.67	81.02	79.63	—	42.75	GL W XL	81.67	85.38	—	—	—	90.11	20.00			
GL W LG	—	81.25	78.21	79.57	79.36	—	41.25	GL W LG	80.00	84.33	—	—	—	88.13	34.75			
GL W MD	—	56.00	54.55	56.55	55.17	53.33	15.50	GL W MD	46.91	—	47.00	—	52.00	54.55	8.50			
GL W SM	35.50	37.50	35.28	36.57	32.50	—	4.75	GL W SM	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL BR SM	—	—	36.50	37.75	—	—	.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	61.00	—	69.00	13.25											
NRBS - 39	—	—	49.40	50.29	—	57.83	4.75											
NRBS - 36	—	—	37.00	—	—	41.00	1.00											

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was light to fair at best. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-12 9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required for disposal were too few to report. Supplies of salvagable hens remained fully adequate for processing requirements. Finished sales were fair. Opinions on values were about steady for next weeks supplies.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were irregular when compared to the previous week. Offerings were fully adequate to ample as most spent hens found placement in animal protein operations and traditional slaughter processors. Demand was light to instances moderate. Opinions of values were about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-10 0-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules light. Offerings held for egg production.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	86.50	85.00	62.50
SOUTHEAST	84.50	82.50	61.00
MIDWEST	85.00	83.50	61.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.00	85.50	62.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	86.70	84.21	61.65

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majortiy prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate. Trading was very light. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-25 MAJORITY 23-24

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

28.5-36 MAJORITY 32.5-34.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

21-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

30-38 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 02-Aug-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS		

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS		

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
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(UNAVAILABLE)

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 02, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	261	249	9,703
Frozen	0	0	96
Dried	9	0	335
Total	270	249	10,134

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending August 02, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	121	124	3,556
Frozen	87	111	1,847
Dried	0	87	862
Total	208	322	6,265

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 02, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	273
Extra Large	1,160	2,226	14,897
Large	2,540	3,718	61,483
Medium	0	930	38,069
Ungraded	6,660	5,520	55,166
Misc	0	0	3,852
Total	10,360	12,394	173,740

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 08/11/03	3,364	217,308	58,509
AM 08/01/03	3,353	217,186	59,026
CHG	11	122	-517
PCT CHG	0%	0%	-1%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 09-Aug-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.0	21.7	-3	11
BOSTON	3.3	3.7	-11	-6
CHICAGO	66.5	64.1	4	34
DETROIT	27.4	27.1	1	16
KANSAS CITY	4.1	2.2	86	17
LOS ANGELES	100.5	96.5	4	17
NEW ORLEANS	10.9	9.5	15	-6
NEW YORK	31.2	31.7	-2	4
ST. LOUIS	18.3	16.4	12	18
SAN FRANCISCO	21.6	21.3	1	-4
TOTAL	304.8	294.2	4	15
4 WK MVG AVG	300.2			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 09-Aug-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	208.0	-1	-10
E.N. CENTRAL	549.6	3	1
W.N. CENTRAL	295.1	7	10
S. ATLANTIC	180.5	1	14
S. CENTRAL	96.9	-2	20
WEST	195.3	-1	9
TOTAL	1525.4	2	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

12-Aug-2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	133	129	89	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	126-130	122-126	82-86	49-53
MOSTLY	128-129	124-125	84-85	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	133-137	129-133	89-93	55-59
MOSTLY	133	129	89	55
VERMONT	135-136	130-132	89-92	-
MOSTLY	136	132	92	-

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